

# Short Breaks Newsletter

News, Updates and Activities for Children with Disabilities and their Families in Telford



April 2024

## Disability Family Swim Session—Public Statement

Telford & Wrekin Council are pleased to announce a further addition to its Inclusive Leisure offer. The My Options swimming session will, from Saturday 20th April be transferred to and operated by Leisure Services as a Saturday 6-7pm 'Disability Family Swimming Session'.

From this date there is no need to pre-book your Disability Family swimming sessions, individuals and families that meet the criteria (must have a disability) can just turn up at the facility and swim. The swimming session is open to siblings and respective charges will apply.

The Council understands how important local leisure opportunities are for all people and recognise the barriers many people with disabilities face regarding access. Leisure Services have responded to feedback from families and have developed their services and trained staff to improve this situation and meet local need.

This Disability Family Swimming session joins a range of other activities such as inclusive gyms, soft play and ice skating sessions. The leisure team will continue to further develop their Inclusive Leisure offer. Details of their Inclusive Leisure programme can be found at:

[www.telfordandwrekinleisure.co.uk/info/33/inclusive-leisure](http://www.telfordandwrekinleisure.co.uk/info/33/inclusive-leisure)

The Abraham Darby Swimming Pool is a 25-meter pool with a movable floor which allows the depth to be set to make it easy for families to enjoy the pool environment. There is disabled parking close to the main entrance. The facility has a specific accessible changing room which has direct access onto the poolside, they also contain accessible showers. Larger changing cubicles with wheelchair access are also provided in the main changing facility. There is a changing bed available, but own hoist must be provided. The pool facility also has a disabled hoist and accessible pool steps.

**My Options statement:** We are pleased to continue supporting our colleagues in Leisure Services to develop their Inclusive Leisure offer and will continue to work with them to benefit children, young people and adults with disabilities and additional needs.

**Childrens Services statement:** We are pleased to support our Leisure services colleagues to build their Inclusive Leisure offer and feel this development is a further positive opportunity to enable children and young people with disabilities to take part in leisure opportunities the same as everyone else.

**PODS statement:** We are pleased to see that the Inclusive Leisure Offer is expanding to meet the needs of families who have a child or young person with a disability and additional need. One of the most important things that families tell us is about trained staff and how supportive they are. We will of course continue to represent families as part of discussions to expand and enhance the services.

# Specialist Playscheme—Summer Job Opportunities



We are looking to recruit staff to support in the co-ordination of a Summer Play Scheme for Children and Young People with Additional and Complex Needs.

The Specialist scheme is based at The Willow Tree Centre for 5 weeks of the summer holiday, including 1 week for training:

## Monday to Friday

22nd July 2024-26th July 2024 (training week)

29th July 2024-23rd August 2024 (playscheme)

The working hours are outlined on the job descriptions.

This is an exciting opportunity for you to join a team who are passionate about providing excellence in care and support for young people, and you will be a key part of the team.

We have the following vacancies available and you can read the job description, person specification and apply on WMJobs.

- [Play Leader](#)
- [Play Assistant](#)
- [Group Leader](#)

If you have any queries or for further information, please email [specialist.playscheme@telford.gov.uk](mailto:specialist.playscheme@telford.gov.uk)



## Role Play Centres in Telford

### Tiny Town (1A The Old Ballroom, Newport, TF10 7LU)

Tiny Town is a place where learning happens. It is an indoor child-friendly town where children can pretend to be whoever they want to be, whilst making sense of the world that we live in. There is an array of small buildings, each one replicating the real world. Tiny Town is suitable for children up to the age of 8. You can find out more on their website: [www.tinytownnewport.co.uk](http://www.tinytownnewport.co.uk) or by emailing [hello@tinytownnewport.co.uk](mailto:hello@tinytownnewport.co.uk)

### Big Street Little Feet (2 Anstice Square, Horseshoe Court, Madeley, TF7 5BD)

Here at Big Street Little Feet we offer an experience that's centred around the magic of role play. Based in Madeley, Telford, we offer a safe and friendly setting across multiple floors where your child can enjoy any of our Role Play sessions, our SEND sessions or Baby sessions. Book a timed session ONLINE that suits you and your little one/s and join in the fun today! You can find out more on their website: [www.bigstreetlittlefeet.co.uk](http://www.bigstreetlittlefeet.co.uk) or by emailing [enquiries@bigstreetlittlefeet.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@bigstreetlittlefeet.co.uk)



## Contact Us

If you have any queries about anything on the newsletter or any activities or events you would like to be added to the newsletter calendar to spread the word and increase attendance, please email [shortbreaks@telford.gov.uk](mailto:shortbreaks@telford.gov.uk). You can view all parts of our SEND Local Offer, including a copy of our SEND Activities booklet on our website: [www.telfordsend.org.uk](http://www.telfordsend.org.uk). You can find us on Facebook - Telford and Wrekin's Short Breaks.

Date and Time	Activity	Location	Details
<b>Monday</b>			
Every Week—10-11.30am	PODS Sensory Session	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS">www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS</a> . For any queries, contact <a href="mailto:support@podstelford.org">support@podstelford.org</a>
Every Week—3.45-4.45pm	PODS Sensory Session		
Every Week—4-5pm	PODS Stop Motion		
Every Week—4-5.30pm	Soft Play for Juniors	Telford Ice Rink, International way, Telford TF3 4JQ	To book, visit <a href="https://www.telfordicerink.co.uk/info/5/soft-play">https://www.telfordicerink.co.uk/info/5/soft-play</a>
Every Week—6-8pm	Soft Play for Seniors		
Every Week—11.15-12.15pm	Children's Autism Hub Coffee and Chat	Hazeldine House, Central Square, Telford TF3 4JL	To book, contact 01952260062 or email <a href="mailto:childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk">childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk</a>
<b>Tuesday</b>			
Every Week—3.45-4.45pm	PODS Sensory Sessions	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS">www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS</a> . For any queries, contact <a href="mailto:support@podstelford.org">support@podstelford.org</a>
Every Week—4-5pm	PODS Minecraft		
Every Week—4-6pm	Pirates and Princesses Soft Play SEND Session	Unit 17, Cedar Court, Halesfield 17, Telford TF7 4PF	To book, call 01952582382
Every Week—6-7pm	Airea 51 SEND Session	Airea 51, Stafford Park 12, Telford, TF3 3BJ	To book, visit <a href="https://www.visittelford.co.uk/things-to-do/airea51-p1418561">https://www.visittelford.co.uk/things-to-do/airea51-p1418561</a>
Every Week—4-5pm	Challenging Perceptions Youth Wellbeing Group	Park Lane Centre, Woodside, TF7 5QZ	To book, call 01952683700.
Every Week—3.30-4.30pm	4 All Boxing	104-106 Southgate, Telford TF7 4HG	No booking required.
Every Week—10-11.30am (term time only)	Shining Stars SEND Play-group 0-5yrs	The Linden Centre, Oak Road, Overdale, Telford, TF3 5BT	If you have any enquiries, email <a href="mailto:shiningstars2017@hotmail.com">shiningstars2017@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Wednesday</b>			
Every Week—3.45-4.45pm	PODS Sensory Session	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS">www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS</a> . For any queries, contact <a href="mailto:support@podstelford.org">support@podstelford.org</a>
Every Week—4-5pm	PODS Lego		
Every Week—6-7pm	Airea 51 SEND Session	Airea 51, Stafford Park 12, Telford, TF3 3BJ	To book, visit <a href="https://www.visittelford.co.uk/things-to-do/airea51-p1418561">https://www.visittelford.co.uk/things-to-do/airea51-p1418561</a>
Every Week—4-5pm	4 All Dodgeball	104-106 Southgate, Telford TF7 4HG	No booking required.

If you would like to discuss your child's needs or accessibility requirements, please contact the activity provider on the details above ahead of the session to avoid disappointment.

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<b>Thursday</b>			
Every Week—4-5pm	PODS Activity Sessions	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS">www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS</a> . For any queries, contact support@podstelford.org
Every Week—10.30-1.30pm	Special Needs Activity Centre	7 Downemead, Hollinswood, Telford, TF3 2EW	For more information, please visit SNAC on Facebook.
First Thursday of Month—4.30pm	Children's Autism Hub Dugout 11-18yrs	Hazeldine House, Central Square, Telford TF3 4JL	To book, contact 01952260062 or email <a href="mailto:childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk">childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk</a>
<b>Friday</b>			
Every Week—1-2pm	PODS Sensory Sessions	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS">www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS</a> . For any queries, contact support@podstelford.org
Every Week—10-12pm	Ice Rink SEND Session	Telford Ice Rink, International way, Telford TF3 4JQ	To book, visit <a href="https://www.telfordicerink.co.uk/info/5/soft-play">https://www.telfordicerink.co.uk/info/5/soft-play</a>
Every Week—5-6pm	Ice Rink SEND Session		
Third Friday of Month —7pm	Funky Friday Inclusive Disco 15+	The Navy Club, Bellman's Yard. Newport, TF10 7AJ	Entry is by pre-booked ticket only. See Facebook page Funky Friday Inclusive Disco for booking details.
Every Week—10-11am	Challenging Perceptions Under 5's Parents and Toddlers	Park Lane Centre, Woodside, TF7 5QZ	To book, call 01952683700.
<b>Saturday</b>			
Every Week—1.45-2.15pm	Silhouette Dance SEND Session	Randlay Avenue, Telford, TF3 2LH	To book, call 07792300692.
Every Week—10-11am	PODS Activity Session	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS">www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS</a> . For any queries, contact support@podstelford.org
<b>Sunday</b>			
Every Week—12.15-1.30pm	SEND Swimming	Abraham Darby Leisure Centre, Ironbridge Rd, Telford, TF7 5HX	To view full timetable, visit <a href="https://www.telfordandwrekinleisure.co.uk/info/4/swimming">https://www.telfordandwrekinleisure.co.uk/info/4/swimming</a>
Every Week—9-10.30am	Pirates and Princesses Soft Play SEND Session	Unit 17, Cedar Court, Halesfield 17, Telford TF7 4PF	To book, call 01952582382
Every Week—5-6pm	Wrekin SEND Swimming Club	Wellington Leisure Centre, Tan Bank, Wellington, Telford TF1 1LX	For more information, search Wrekin Special Swimming Club on Facebook or call 07530465472.
Alternate Sunday's (7th and 21st April)	Big Street Little Feet Role Play Centre	2 Anstice Square, Horseshoe Court, Madeley, Telford TF7 5BD	To book and find out more information, visit <a href="https://www.bigstreetlittlefeet.co.uk/home">https://www.bigstreetlittlefeet.co.uk/home</a>